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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

2007–2008 School Year Reports

Dear School Board Members and School Personnel:

The Maine Educational Assessment (MEA) is the State's measure of student progress in achieving the State standards known as *Learning Results*, adopted by the Maine Legislature in 1997. These *Learning Results* established goals for what all students should know and be able to do at certain times in their school careers and are the basis for Grade Level/Span Expectations, which describe the assessment standards for each grade. The MEA is administered to students in all grades 3 through 8 to meet state assessment requirements and the requirements of the federal *No Child Left Behind* Act.

The 2007-2008 MEA summary reports contain the results of student achievement in reading and mathematics at all grades, science and technology at grades 4 and 8, and writing at grade 5 based on achievement standards set in 2006 and disaggregated by student and school characteristics. This report, together with MEA individual student and subject-specific class analysis reports, provides support for use in program evaluation and planning.

MEA results reflect scores based on test questions that are taken in common by the approximately 15,000 students in each grade level. Students' scores in each content area are based on answers to a combination of multiple-choice questions and questions that require students to construct an answer. The grade 5 writing reports provide information on a student's ability to respond to a prompt measuring narrative writing. More information about the design of the MEA is available at www.maine. gov/education/mea/index.htm.

I look forward to working with you in support of our continued efforts to improve the quality and effectiveness of the instructional opportunities designed to help all students achieve the high standards of the *Learning Results* and demonstrate that achievement through performance on the Maine Educational Assessment.

Sincerely,

Susan A. Gendron

Commissioner of Education

Susan A. Lendron



School Report Grade 7

Test Date: March 2008

Code: 13951098

SAU: Thornton Academy

School: Thornton Academy

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SUMMARY OF SCORES

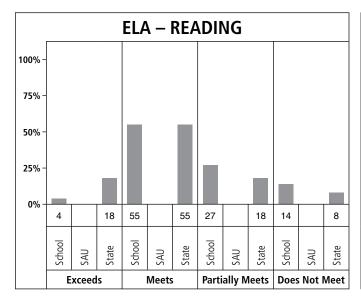
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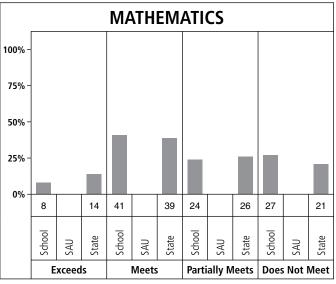
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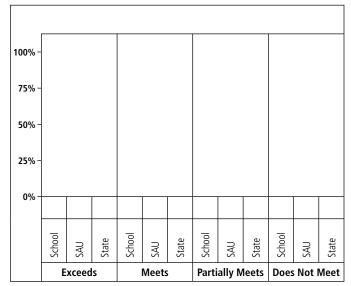
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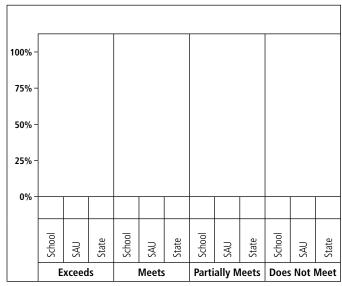
Summary of School, SAU, and State Scores

Year	Avera	age Scaled :	Score
ieai	School	SAU	State
ELA – Reading 2005–2006 2006–2007 2007–2008 Cum. Avg.*	749 744		745 748 750 748
Mathematics 2005–2006 2006–2007 2007–2008 Cum. Avg.*	740 738		740 742 743 742









^{*}Cumulative averages are weighted, i.e., the scaled scores are averaged proportionally based on the numbers of students in each year.



SUMMARY OF STUDENT PARTICIPATION

Test Date: March 2008

Grade:

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CATEGORY OF	C	durin	g test	ing w	/indo	w			ELA-I	Readin	g				Mathe	matic	s											
PARTICIPATION	Sc	hool	SA	AU	Sta	ate	Sc	hool	S	AU	St	ate	Sch	ool	S	AU	St	ate	Sch	ool	S	AU	St	ate	Scl	nool	SAU	State
	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n %	n %
Total number of students	50	100			14818	100	49	98			14698	99	49	98			14694	99										
Ethnicity African American/Black	0	0			381	3	0	0			372	98	0	0			375	99										
American Indian or Native Alaskan	0	0			113	1	0	0			112	99	0	0			112	99										
Asian or Pacific Islander	0	0			219	1	0	0			213	97	0	0			217	99										
Hispanic	0	0			178	1	0	0			176	99	0	0			177	100										
Caucasian/White	50	100			13927	94	49	98			13825	99	49	98			13813	99										
Not Reported	0	0			0	0	0	0			0	0	0	0			0	0										
Identified disability	8	16			2556	17	8	100			2508	99	8	100			2497	98										
Current LEP	0	0			363	2	0	0			352	97	0	0			360	99										
Economically disadvantaged	0	0			5461	37	0	0			5408	99	0	0			5406	99										
Migrant	0	0			1	0	0	0			1	100	0	0			1	100										

MODE OF			ELA-Readin	g			Mathe	matics	i									
	Sc	hool	SAU	State	Sch	ool	S	AU	Sta	ite	School	SAU	State	Sc	nool	SA	U	State
PARTICIPATION ³	n	%	n %	n %	n	%	n	%	n	%	n %	n %	n %	n	%	n	%	n %
Participation without accommodations	42	84		12195 82	42	84			12215	82								
Identified disability (PET/IEP)	1	2		418 3	1	2			421	3								
LEP	0	0		183 2	0	0			183	1								
504 plan	0	0		181 1	0	0			182	1								
Participation with accommodations	7	14		2320 16	7	14			2303	16								
Identified disability (PET/IEP)	7	100		1912 82	7	100			1900	83								
LEP	0	0		159 7	0	0			173	8								
504 plan	0	0		56 2	0	0			55	2								
Other	0	0		244 11	0	0			226	10								
Participation through alternate assessment (PAAP)	0	0		178 1	0	0			176	1								
Identified disability (PET/IEP)	0	0		178 100	0	0			176	100								
LEP	0	0		5 3	0	0			4	2								
504 plan	0	0		0 0	0	0			0	0								
Approved non-participation in reading – 1st year LEP	0	0		5 0														
Approved non-participation – special consideration	0	0		27 0	0	0			28	0								
Non-participation – other	1	2		93 1	1	2			96	1								

¹ Percents are the percentage of students enrolled in each participation category.

² Percents are the percentage of students, including those who participated through alternate assessment (PAAP), who participated in the content area.

³ Percents are the percentage of students in each content area by mode.



ELA-READING RESULTS

Test Date: March 2008

Grade:

SAU: Thornton Academy
School: Thornton Academy

STUDENTS AT EACH ACHIEVEMENT LEVEL

ACHIEVEMENT LEVEL DEFINITIONS	<u> </u>	Sch	ool	S	AU	Sta	ite
The quality of a student's work at each achievement level reflects progress in attaining Maine Level Expectations in English language arts – reading.	's Grade	N	%	N	%	N	%
Exceeds the Standards – The student's work demonstrates the ability to read and interpret literary and informational texts appropriate for the grade level by drawing in-depth inferences, analyzing texts for subtle clues, synthesizing information across texts, and using his/her knowledge of text features and literary devices to make deeper connections within or across texts to increase comprehension. (scaled score 761–780)	2005-2006 2006-2007 2007-2008 Cum. Total*	4 2	8 4			1769 2630 2604 7003	11 18 18 16
Meets the Standards – The student's work demonstrates the ability to read and interpret literary and informational texts appropriate for the grade level by drawing inferences, summarizing main ideas and providing supporting details, connecting ideas within and across texts, and using his/her knowledge of text features and literary devices to increase comprehension. (scaled score 741–760)	2005-2006 2006-2007 2007-2008 Cum. Total*	33 27	65 55			7521 7605 8049 23175	49 51 55 52
Partially Meets the Standards – The student's work demonstrates an inconsistent ability to read and interpret literary and informational texts appropriate for the grade level. The student's ability to draw inferences, summarize main ideas and provide supporting details, connect ideas within and across texts, and use his/her knowledge of text features and literary devices varies depending on the texts. (scaled score 729–740)	2005-2006 2006-2007 2007-2008 Cum. Total*	10 13	20 27			3773 3000 2672 9445	24 20 18 21
Does Not Meet the Standards – The student's work demonstrates a limited ability to read and interpret literary and informational texts appropriate for the grade level. The student's responses are often vague or incorrect leaving the impression that the student found it difficult to draw inferences, summarize main ideas and provide supporting details, connect ideas within and across texts, or use his/her knowledge of text features and literary devices to support comprehension. (scaled score 700–728)	2005-2006 2006-2007 2007-2008 Cum. Total*	4 7	8 14			2399 1620 1190 5209	16 11 8 12

		nber	A	verage Poir	nts Attaine	d (Number	and Percer	nt)
Learning Results Content Standard Cluster		oints sible	Sch	ool	SA	ΑU	Sta	ite
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Total Reading Cluster	56	100	31.2	55.7			35.3	63.0
Literary Text	28	50	15.4	55.0			17.3	61.8
Informational Text	28	50	15.8	56.4			18.0	64.3

The Maine Learning Results reading cluster includes Content Standards A (Process of Reading), B (Literature and Culture), and D (Informational Texts). The MEA assesses students' reading skills based on questions related to two types of reading passages: literary and informational. Passages include both long and short texts, selected from developmentally appropriate works. Items on the MEA measure Grade Level Expectations, based on Maine's 1997 Learning Results, which can be found at http://www.maine.gov/education/lsalt/gles.htm.



ELA-READING RESULTS

(CONTINUED)

Test Date: March 2008

Grade: 7

SAU: Thornton Academy School: Thornton Academy

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REPORTING CATEGORIES	Tested		E		M		P		D	Mean Scaled	Tested	E	М	P	D	Mean Scaled	Tested	E	М	P	D	Mean Scaled
	N	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	Score	N	%	%	%	%	Score	N	%	%	%	%	Score
All Students	49	2	4	27	55	13	27	7	14	744							14515	18	55	18	8	750
Ethnicity African American/Black American Indian or Native Alaskan Asian or Pacific Islander Hispanic Caucasian/White Not Reported	0 0 0 0 49	2	4	27	55	13	27	7	14	744							365 110 211 173 13656 0	10 6 26 12 18	49 52 47 54 56	19 24 20 18 18	22 18 6 15 8	742 744 752 746 750
Identified disability Yes No	8 41	0 2	0 5	0 27	0 66	2 11	25 27	6	75 2	725 748							2330 12185	2 21	30 60	36 15	32 4	735 753
Current LEP Yes No	0 49	2	4	27	55	13	27	7	14	744							342 14173	8 18	46 56	22 18	24 8	741 750
Economically disadvantaged Yes No	0 49	2	4	27	55	13	27	7	14	744							5299 9216	9 23	51 58	26 14	14 5	745 753
Migrant Yes No	0 49	2	4	27	55	13	27	7	14	744							1 14514	18	55	18	8	750
Gender Female Male Not Reported	28 21 0	1 1	4 5	16 11	57 52	7 6	25 29	4 3	14 14	743 744							7084 7431 0	24 12	55 56	15 21	6 11	752 747
Title 1A targeted program Yes No	0 49	2	4	27	55	13	27	7	14	744							946 13569	6 19	47 56	34 17	12 8	743 750
Gifted/talented program Yes No	0 49	2	4	27	55	13	27	7	14	744							574 13941	61 16	38 56	1 19	0 9	765 749

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ELA-READING RESULTS

(QUESTIONNAIRE ITEMS)

Test Date: March 2008

Grade: 7

SAU: **Thornton Academy** School: **Thornton Academy**

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QUESTIONNAIRE		1			Sch	OOI							SA	U		I			Sta	te		T
ITEMS	Students in Each Category		E	ľ	VI		P		D	Mean Scaled Score	Students in Each Category	E	М	P	D	Mean Scaled Score	Students in Each Category	E	М	P	D	Mean Scaled Score
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	Score	%	%	%	%	%	Score	%	%	%	%	%	Score
How much homework do you do on school nights? A. none B. less than one hour C. one to two hours D. more than two hours	0 49 51 0	2 0	8	13 14	54 56	4 9	17 36	5 2	21 8	744 744							6 50 40 4	9 17 20 19	42 56 58 49	24 19 16 21	25 8 6 11	741 750 752 749
How well do the questions that you have just been given on this																						
MEA test match what you have learned in school about reading? A. The questions on the test match what I have learned in reading class. B. They match some of what I have learned. C. They match just a little of what I have learned. D. There is no match.	33 50 17 0	1 1 0	6 4 0	9 15 3	56 63 38	5 4 3	31 17 38	1 4 2	6 17 25	745 745 739							36 50 11 3	24 16 13 4	58 58 45 35	14 19 26 29	5 8 16 31	753 749 745 737
Which of the following best describes how you rate yourself as a student in reading?																						
A. very good B. good C. fair D. poor	23 63 15 0	1 1 0	9 3 0	8 18 1	73 60 14	2 7 3	18 23 43	0 4 3	0 13 43	753 744 731							28 52 18 2	35 15 3 2	52 60 49 41	9 18 33 28	5 7 15 29	756 750 742 738
How difficult was the reading part of this test? A. harder than my regular schoolwork B. about the same as my regular schoolwork C. easier than my regular schoolwork	19 65 17	0 2 0	0 6 0	4 21 2	44 68 25	3 5 4	33 16 50	2 3 2	22 10 25	737 747 739							16 65 19	13 18 21	48 57 57	23 18 16	16 7 6	745 750 752
How difficult were the reading passages on this test? A. Most of the passages were more difficult than what I normally read. B. Most of the passages were about the same as what I normally read. C. Most of the passages were easier than what I normally read.	15 50 35	0 1 1	0 4 6	3 11 13	43 46 76	2 7 3	29 29 18	2 5 0	29 21 0	738 741 750							9 55 36	5 14 28	38 57 58	29 22 10	28 7 4	738 748 755
How hard did you try on the reading part of this test? A. I tried harder on this test than I do on my regular schoolwork. B. I tried about the same as I do on my regular schoolwork. C. I did not try as hard on this test as I do on my regular schoolwork.	35 65 0	0 2	0 6	10 17	59 55	4 8	24 26	3 4	18 13	744 744							44 51 5	18 19 9	56 56 46	18 17 26	8 7 19	750 751 743
How much time do you spend reading at home each day? A. more than one hour B. 20 minutes to an hour C. less than 20 minutes D. I rarely read at home.	8 50 17 25	0 2 0 0	0 8 0	2 13 5 7	50 54 63 58	1 6 2 3	25 25 25 25	1 3 1 2	25 13 13 17	744 746 744 739							17 45 13 24	25 22 14 8	57 56 56 53	13 16 21 26	6 6 9 13	753 752 748 745
Optional school/SAU question A. B. C. D.	0 0 0 0																					

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MATHEMATICS RESULTS

Test Date: March 2008 7

Grade:

SAU: **Thornton Academy Thornton Academy** School:

STUDENTS AT EACH ACHIEVEMENT LEVEL

ACHIEVEMENT LEVEL DEFINITIONS		Sch	iool	SA	AU	Sta	te
The quality of a student's work at each achievement level reflects progress in attaining Maine's Level Expectations in mathematics.	s Grade	N	%	N	%	N	%
Exceeds the Standards – The student's work demonstrates in-depth understanding of essential concepts in mathematics, including the ability to make multiple connections among central ideas. The student's responses demonstrate the ability to synthesize information; analyze and solve difficult problems, including developing and implementing strategies, efficiently and accurately performing procedures, and recording and justifying solutions; and explain complex concepts. (scaled score 761–780)	2005-2006 2006-2007 2007-2008 Cum. Total*	3 4	6 8			1646 2142 2028 5816	11 14 14 13
Meets the Standards – The student's work demonstrates a general understanding of essential concepts in mathematics, including the ability to make connections among central ideas. The student's responses demonstrate the ability to analyze and solve problems including developing and implementing strategies, to perform procedures, and to record and explain solutions and concepts. The student's work may contain minor errors. (scaled score 741–760)	2005-2006 2006-2007 2007-2008 Cum. Total*	20 20	39 41			5497 5642 5703 16842	36 38 39 38
Partially Meets the Standards – The student's work demonstrates incomplete understanding of essential concepts in mathematics and inconsistent connections among central ideas. The student's responses demonstrate some ability to analyze and solve problems, and explain concepts. Problem solving strategies may be flawed, procedures performed inaccurately, methods not recorded and/or problems not completed. (scaled score 727–740)	2005-2006 2006-2007 2007-2008 Cum. Total*	13 12	25 24			4514 4077 3733 12324	29 27 26 27
Does Not Meet the Standards – The student's work demonstrates limited understanding of essential concepts in mathematics and infrequent or inaccurate connections among central ideas. The student's responses demonstrate minimal ability to solve problems and explain concepts. Problem solving strategies and procedures are often flawed or inappropriate and there may be many omissions. (scaled score 700–726)	2005-2006 2006-2007 2007-2008 Cum. Total*	15 13	29 27			3797 3001 3054 9852	25 20 21 22

		nber	Avera	ge Point	s Attaine	d (Numbe	er and Pe	rcent)
Learning Results Content Standard Clusters		oints sible	Sch	iool	SA	AU	St	ate
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Cluster 1: Numbers and Operations	16	29	8.0	50.0			8.8	55.0
Cluster 2: Shape and Size	14	25	4.3	30.7			5.5	39.3
Cluster 3: Mathematical Decision Making	8	14	3.6	45.0			3.5	43.8
Cluster 4: Patterns	18	32	7.1	39.4			7.9	43.9

Cluster 1: Numbers and Operations

- A. Numbers and Number Sense
- B. Computation
- I. Discrete Mathematics (grades 3 and 4 only)

Cluster 2: Shape and Size

- E. Geometry
- F. Measurement

Cluster 3: Mathematical Decision Making

- C. Data Analysis and Statistics
- D. Probability

Cluster 4: Patterns

- G. Patterns, Relations, and Functions
- H. Algebra Concepts
- K. Mathematical Communication

Each content standard in the clusters above is defined in Maine's 1997 Learning Results, which are the basis for Grade Level Expectations. Each item on the MEA measures a grade level expectation, which can be found at http://www.maine.gov/education/lsalt/gles.htm.



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Test Date: March 2008

Grade: 7

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REPORTING					Scr	nool		1				I	. S <i>F</i>	AU	i	I			St	ate	i	ı
CATEGORIES	Tested		E		М		Р		D	Mean Scaled Score	Tested	E	М	P	D	Mean Scaled Score	Tested	E	М	Р	D	Mean Scaled Score
	N	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	Score	N	%	%	%	%	Score	N	%	%	%	%	Jene
All Students	49	4	8	20	41	12	24	13	27	738							14518	14	39	26	21	743
Ethnicity African American/Black American Indian or Native Alaskan Asian or Pacific Islander Hispanic Caucasian/White Not Reported	0 0 0 0 49	4	8	20	41	12	24	13	27	738							372 110 216 175 13645 0	5 5 25 9 14	24 30 34 32 40	25 36 23 30 26	45 29 18 29 20	731 736 748 737 743
d entified disability Yes No	8 41	0 4	0 10	0 20	0 49	2 10	25 24	6 7	75 17	717 743							2321 12197	2 16	16 44	26 26	55 15	727 746
Current LEP Yes No	0 49	4	8	20	41	12	24	13	27	738							356 14162	7 14	23 40	24 26	45 20	731 743
Economically disadvantaged Yes No	0 49	4	8	20	41	12	24	13	27	738							5301 9217	5 19	31 44	31 23	33 14	736 747
Migrant Yes No	0 49	4	8	20	41	12	24	13	27	738							1 14517	14	39	26	21	743
Gender Female Male Not Reported	28 21 0	1 3	4 14	9	32 52	8 4	29 19	10	36 14	733 746							7086 7432 0	14 14	40 38	26 25	20 22	743 743
Title 1A targeted program Yes No	0 49	4	8	20	41	12	24	13	27	738							946 13572	4 15	23 40	36 25	37 20	733 743
Gifted/talented program Yes No	0 49	4	8	20	41	12	24	13	27	738							575 13943	64 12	31 40	3 27	1 22	765 742

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MATHEMATICS RESULTS

(QUESTIONNAIRE ITEMS)

Test Date: March 2008

Grade: 7

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					Sch	ool							SA	U					Sta	te		
QUESTIONNAIRE ITEMS	Students in Each Category		E	ı	М		P	ı)	Mean Scaled Score	Students in Each Category	E	M	P	D	Mean Scaled Score	Students in Each Category	E	М	P	D	Mean Scaled Score
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%] 50010	%	%	%	%	%	3000	%	%	%	%	%	30010
How much homework do you do on school nights? A. none B. less than one hour C. one to two hours D. more than two hours	0 49 51 0	2 2	8 8	10 10	42 40	6	25 24	6 7	25 28	738 739							6 50 40 4	7 13 15 16	29 39 42 37	26 26 26 23	37 22 17 24	734 742 744 742
How well do the questions that you have just been given on this MEA test match what you have learned in school about mathematics? A. The questions on the test match what I have learned in mathematics	22	0	0	4	36	3	27	4	36	735							32	21	40	23	16	747
class. B. They match some of what I have learned. C. They match just a little of what I have learned. D. There is no match.	47 27 4	4 0 0	17 0 0	11 5 0	48 38 0	5 4 0	22 31 0	3 4 2	13 31 100	745 734 711							50 15 3	12 7 4	42 32 17	27 31 21	19 30 58	743 737 726
Which of the following best describes how you rate yourself as a student in mathematics? A. very good B. good C. fair	22 37 35	3 1 0	27 6 0	5 9 6	45 50 35	2 4 5	18 22 29	1 4 6	9 22 35	748 739 734							25 47 23	34 10 3	42 45 30	13 27 36	11 18 32	753 743 735
D. poor	6	0	0	0	0	1	33	2	67	725							5	1	17	32	49	729
How difficult was the mathematics part of this test? A. harder than my regular schoolwork B. about the same as my regular schoolwork C. easier than my regular schoolwork	43 49 8	1 3 0	5 13 0	11 7 2	52 29 50	4 6 2	19 25 50	5 8 0	24 33 0	740 737 744							36 53 11	6 13 40	38 42 32	29 27 15	27 18 13	738 744 753
How hard did you try on the mathematics part of this test? A. I tried harder on this test than I do on my regular schoolwork. B. I tried about the same as I do on my regular schoolwork. C. I did not try as hard on this test as I do on my regular schoolwork.	35 63 2	0 4 0	0 13 0	9 11 0	53 35 0	5 7 0	29 23 0	3 9 1	18 29 100	740 738 720							46 49 5	12 16 10	40 40 27	27 25 27	21 19 36	742 744 736
How often do you use laptops in mathematics class? A. almost every day B. two or three days a week C. two or three times each month D. never or almost never	4 14 45 37	0 1 2 1	0 14 9 6	1 4 9 6	50 57 41 33	0 0 6 6	0 0 27 33	1 2 5 5	50 29 23 28	743 743 738 737							9 20 30 41	15 13 15 13	37 41 40 39	25 26 27 26	23 20 18 23	742 743 744 742
How often do you use calculators in mathematics class? A. almost every day B. two or three days a week C. two or three times a month D. never or almost never	53 35 6 6	3 1 0	12 6 0	10 9 0 1	38 53 0 33	7 4 1 0	27 24 33 0	6 3 2 2	23 18 67 67	741 739 719 736							20 29 26 24	17 16 13 10	39 40 40 39	23 25 28 27	22 19 20 24	744 744 743 740
On average, how many minutes a day do you spend working on mathematics in class? A. less than 30 minutes B. 30–45 minutes C. 45–60 minutes D. more than 60 minutes	13 58 29 0	0 2 2	0 7 14	3 11 5	50 39 36	1 4 7	17 14 50	2 11 0	33 39 0	736 735 745							8 41 41 10	7 12 17 15	32 38 42 38	26 27 24 25	35 23 16 22	736 741 745 743
Optional school/SAU question A. B. C. D.	0 0 0 0																					

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